



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

15 November 1971

The Honorable Harley O. Staggers  
Chairman, House Interstate and  
Foreign Commerce Committee  
Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your letter of September 28, 1971, requesting a report on H. R. 10869, a bill "To amend the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970 to provide for an annual report by the Secretary of State to Congress on the international production and consumption of, and trade in, narcotic drugs."

We have no objection to the proposed legislation. This Agency is interested in rendering all assistance possible which would contribute to a better understanding and solution of the drug problem, including assistance to the Secretary of State in connection with the preparation of the annual report required under H. R. 10869.

The Office of Management and Budget advises that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

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Sincerely,

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Richard Helms  
Director